

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Based on PCT/DE 01/02039

For: VALVE FOR CONTROLLING FLUIDS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between the title and paragraph [0001] insert the following:

[0000.2] CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0000.4] This is a 35 U.S.C. 371 application of PCT/DE 01/02039, filed on May 30, 2001.

[0000.6] BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

a 2 [0001] Field Of The Invention

replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

a 3 [0002] The present invention relates to a valve for controlling fluids and more particularly to such a valve including a piezoelectric actuator disposed in an actuator bore.